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Parliament passes Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025

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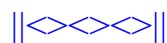
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Parliament has passed the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Bill, 2025, with the Rajya Sabha approving it today. This Bill encourages e-sports and online social games while prohibiting harmful online money gaming services. Moving the Bill, Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said online money gaming poses serious concerns in the society as it creates addiction leading to financial frauds and cheating. He highlighted the various segments of the bill.

The Bill has a provision of complete ban on offering, operating, or facilitating online money games, with jail and monetary penalties in case of violation. It aims to protect individuals, especially youth and vulnerable populations, from the adverse impacts of such games. The Bill was passed by Lok Sabha yesterday.



The Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha have been adjourned sine die today. With this, Monsoon Session of Parliament which began on 21st of last month, concluded. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said, during the Session, 14 Government Bills were introduced and a total of 12 bills were passed. He said special discussions were held on Operation Sindoor and on the achievements of India's space programme. He said a total of 419 starred questions were included in the

agenda for this session, but due to continuous pre-planned disruptions, only 55 questions could be taken for oral reply.

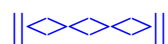
In the Rajya Sabha, amid din, the Constitution (One Hundred and Thirtieth Amendment) Bill, 2025, the Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill, 2025, and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization (Amendment) Bill, 2025 were referred to a Joint Committee of Parliament for further scrutiny. Deputy Chairman Harivansh said, the House functioned for only 41 hours 15 minutes and the productivity of the session stood at 38.8 percent. He said, 14 government bills were passed or returned during the session.



Nagaland Legislative Assembly has released the Provisional Programme of Business for the upcoming seventh session of the 14th State Assembly. The House is scheduled to sit for two days on September 2 and 4.



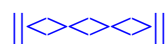
The governments of Nagaland and Assam have agreed to jointly carry out all future activities, including plantation, in the Disputed Area Belt, DAB. An official communiqué from the Nagaland Chief Secretary's Office, issued today said, the state governments had recently conducted a joint eviction drive to remove illegal immigrants from the DAB. However, it said, plantation activities by Assam in the area led to tensions. To address the issue, the Chief Ministers of Nagaland and Assam held discussions and decided that all activities in the DAB would be undertaken jointly by the two states. The move reflects the commitment of both governments to maintaining peace and cooperation in the border areas.



The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Nagaland held its bi-annual review meeting-cum-sensitisation on AI Solutions today in Kohima, with a renewed call to upscale services and strengthen elimination efforts. Addressing the meeting, Mission Director of the National Health Mission, Nagaland Dr. Avile Zao, said India is moving closer to achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of ending TB, with several new initiatives, such as the 100 Days Campaign.

Dr. Zao stressed upon better use of diagnostic tools like NAT machines, improved screening, and proper documentation of TB-related deaths. Raising concern over the low uptake of CY-TB testing and preventive treatment in Nagaland, she urged

districts to focus on better counselling during home visits. Dr. Zao also informed that 166 villages in Nagaland have been declared TB-free under the TB Mukht Panchayat initiative this year, and expressed hope that more villages would achieve the status. The meeting also recognised the role of Wadhvani AI in bringing artificial intelligence to enhance the programme.



The ICAR–Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Wokha, has been awarded the Best KVK in the North Eastern Region. The recognition was conferred by ICAR–NRCB in acknowledgment of the team’s exemplary work and impactful contributions, selected from over 200 nominations. The award was presented today during the 32nd Foundation Day and Kisan Mela held in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Sharing her delight on the award, Thungjano S Ezung from ICAR–KVK Wokha, dedicated it to all the stakeholders in the state's agri and allied sector.

A total of 19 farmers from Nagaland participated in the mela to gain insights for the upcoming banana festival in the state. They are undergoing training in Integrated Nutrient Management, Hi-Tech Banana Cultivation Practices, Integrated Pest and Disease Management, and Food Processing. The training programme will further continue in Kerala from August 23.



And, Under the aegis of the Nagaland Tug of War Association, NTWA, eight women athletes along with two officials have departed for the 38th National Tug of War Championship, scheduled to be held in Shirdi, Maharashtra from tomorrow. The team is led by Manager Kuzhovesa Soho and Coach Vemele Thingo, and will be Captained by Vikehenuo Zumvu. This marks Nagaland Women's first participation in the national championship. Meanwhile, eight men athletes from NTWA will represent India at the World Outdoor Tug of War Championship in Nottingham, England, from September 4 to 7.

